GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Decrease in Coconut Prices
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that farmers are suffering losses due to collapse in the prices of coconut in the country including Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has started any scheme to encourage farmers by providing them remunerative prices for coconut in the country including Karnataka, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds allocated by the Government and spent for the said purpose in the country including Karnataka till date, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): The prevailing market price for Milling Copra, Ball Copra and de-husked coconut are ruling around Rs.8700/- per quintal, Rs.7800/- per quintal and Rs.2700/- per quintal respectively at the important market centers in the country, which is much higher than the Minimum Support Price (MSP) declared for the season 2016.

MSP is in the nature of minimum price offered by the Government. However, producers have the option to sell their produce to Government agencies at MSP or in the open market as is advantageous to them.

(c) & (d): Government of India announces the MSP for milling as well as ball copra for every season with the offer to purchase copra at the MSP, in the event of a fall in market price and thereby ensuring reasonable price for the coconut farmers.

Government of India declared MSP for Copra for 2016 season in February 2016. The MSP per quintal for Fair Average Quality (FAQ) of Milling Copra. Ball Copra and De-husked coconut are Rs.5950/-, Rs.6240/- and Rs.1600/- respectively.

During 2016-17, a quantity of 1835 tonnes of Copra valued at Rs.11.45 crores has been procured by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED), the central agency for procurement of Copra, from Karnataka. The state-wise procurement of copra during 2016-17 is given below:-

State Quantity (Tonnes) Value (in Rs. Crore)
Tamilnadu 1170.9 6.96
Andhra Pradesh 3318.5 19.75
Karnataka 1835.0 11.45

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